

House Resolution 1329

By: Representatives Beckles of the 96th, Mitchell of the 88th, Okoye of the 102nd, Reeves of the 99th, Efstrotation of the 104th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Rickey O'Neal Newton of Norcross, Georgia; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Rickey O'Neal Newton was born on July 31, 1952, to the late Ralph and Hattie
4 Mae Newton, and was called home to be with the Lord, leaving behind a legacy of faith,
5 family, and quiet strength; and

6 WHEREAS, at the age of ten, Rickey joined Hopewell Baptist Church, where he established
7 a deep and abiding faith that remained steadfast throughout his life, and even when his health
8 prevented him from attending services in person, he remained spiritually connected by
9 faithfully watching services online; and

10 WHEREAS, Rickey was a proud graduate of Norcross High School, Class of 1970, and
11 dedicated many years of his professional life to his community, including following in his
12 father's footsteps into the construction trade; and

13 WHEREAS, Rickey served as the family historian, possessing an extraordinary memory and
14 deep knowledge of family heritage, making him the trusted keeper of stories and guardian
15 of family history; and

16 WHEREAS, Rickey was a devoted father to his beloved son Rodrick Newton, a loving
17 brother to Beverly Turner, Ronald Newton, Craig Newton, Wanda Fulton, Dana Hines, and
18 Noland Newton, and a cherished uncle, cousin, and friend whose quiet strength and steady
19 presence touched countless lives; and

20 WHEREAS, Rickey O'Neal Newton's life was a testament to the values of faith, family, hard
21 work, and humility, and his memory will continue to inspire all who knew and loved him;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary life of this remarkable
24 man be appropriately recognized.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body honor the life and memory of Rickey O'Neal Newton and express
27 their deepest sympathy to his family and friends during this time of loss.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
30 family of Rickey O'Neal Newton.